FBTAA Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Called to order:**  Thursday, May 9, 2019 @ 8:00 pm

**Roll Call: Attendance -**  Eric Vernon\*, Jarrett Taranto\*, Bill Walczak\*, Rocky Gencarelli\*, Jennifer Felix\*, Steve Felix\*, Eric Davis\*, Emily Vernon\*, Todd Kowalski, John Merhottein, Michael Lewis, Ken Santay, Wayne Shupp, Adam Swercheck, Peter Miller, A.J. Guidon, Adrian Yaguez, Steve Zapata

\*\* Names of those in attendance who are eligible to vote on any League matters at this meeting.

**Minutes Review:** **Jennifer Felix**  
**Changes/Corrections/Motion to Accept:**

Jarrett - motion to acceptBill - secondedAll members eligible to vote: YES. Minutes accepted.

**Treasurer Report:** **Steve Zapata** - explained the Cash Walk and shared the Reserved Fund amount. (see attached documents)  
**Changes/Corrections/Motion to Accept:**

Jarrett - motion to accept Rocky - seconded All members eligible to vote: YES. Report accepted.

**President Report: Eric Vernon**

- Injury Procedures/New Form on Website - fill out ASAP

- **Coordinated Health Presentation** - (did not show up for meeting)

- Perfect Game contract - received; however, PG needed to make more changes and resent. Eric is looking over the updated contract and will send out to the Board Members for further review.

- Liberty vs. Freedom High School games went well. Made over $1000 in Snack Stand revenue. There was one incident and a Police Report was filed.

**Vice President Report: Jarrett Taranto**

- FBT Day: received information from Shop Rite on their donation = (25) 8 ct. Bar-S Hot Dogs, (25) 8 ct. Shop Rite Hot Dog buns, (7) 32 ct. Shop Rite hamburgers, (28) 8 ct. Shop Rite Hamburger buns, (5) 24 ct. 16 oz. Shop Rite bottled water, (6) 12 ct. Shop Rite soda, (3) 16 oz. Shop Rite pretzels, (3) 18 oz. Shop Rite potato chips

**Webmaster Report: Rocky Gencarelli**

- Post highlights of games with pictures to Facebook (Head Coaches send info to Rocky)

- use **#playfbt** when posting photos on social media

**Senior Commissioner Report: (Eric Vernon in Joe Fancera's absence)**

- Eric fixed the Sr. Field batters box and scoreboard

**Minor Commissioner Report: Steve Felix**

- 9U Tournament Team: Steve motions to have FBTAA upfront the costs of the 9U team until amount is collected from Parents and Sponsors. Jarrett - accepts motion Bill - seconded motion All vote: YES Motion passes. (Steve Felix is the Head Coach for LVCR 9U Tournament Team) At present time, he is still looking for players to fill his roster.

- Coaches should be utilizing new sound system for National Anthem before games, announcing players at bat, and using the scoreboard for Ripken Field games. Poll parents to have them volunteer to do these activities. \*\* Major announcements prior to game: No Smoking and No Pets on FBTAA property.

- Dirt is needed for under and around new pitching mound on the Ripken Field. Will take some time for Walters to deliver, Eric and/or Steve should be available at FBTAA for delivery to make sure mound pegs stay in place.

**Committee Reports:**

* **Equipment - Jarrett:** tried to replace Dean's team bat at Dick's but they didn't have the same bat to replace it with so will need to pick a like one.
* **Communications - Eric:** Golf Tournament has been postponed until September 2019 (Date and time to be determined).
* **Facilities - Eric Vernon and Eric Davis:** Cutting Grass: Adam Eureychko - Ripken Field, Adam Corrado - T-ball and Coach Pitch fields, Andrew Flynn and Griffin Connelly - Senior Field

- Sink holes by batting cages have been marked off, ok to park now, Walters will come and see what we need to do to fix the issue

- need to fix the lock in the Ladies Bathroom stall

- rain is holding up painting the ramp and pledge sign and paving

- gate to the Ripken Field is broken. With high winds, suggested to put a stake in to keep gate closed.

- Steigerwalt will step up to take over Facilities, if needed

* **Snack Stand - Emily Vernon:** there are still parents that have not signed up to work the stand. Will put the names on a list and email out to everyone. Asking Coaches to help urge parents to sign up for their duty.

- if a game is cancelled on your duty date/time, you will receive a text asking you to resign up for another shift in order to fulfill your volunteer duties

- lowered the minimum amount to $5 for credit card payments

- the entire stand has been redone and relabeled in order to make it more efficient. To Do Lists for each job are typed and hanging in the stand

- no dumping grease down the sink drains - it has clogged and caused backup issues that resulted in flooding

- still struggling to find enough Oversee Managers

- looking into getting an outside company to come and clean the bathrooms and possibly snack stand. Emily motions to hire (Miracell's) cleaning service to clean the ladies and men's bathrooms and possibly the snack stand, not to exceed $300/month. Bill - accepts the motion. Jarrett - seconded the motion. All eligible to vote: YES Motion passes.

* **Boosters -** **Eric Vernon:** Eric Davis is working with Jack Callery to reschedule the Golf Outing.

- Father's Day Gift Idea: kid hand print on a baseball - check on pricing of baseballs that would have enough surface area for print and non-waxy covering

- Large wooden stained FBT baseball decorative item. You get to put a quote and personalize with your name. Eric Vernon motions to have Rustic Wood Project come during FBT Day to have its members purchase and create wood sign, and Rustic Wood Project would give 10% back to FBT on all proceeds. Steve seconded motion. All eligible to vote: YES Motion passes.

**Coaches’ Reports:**

- Injury Report is on the website, fill out ASAP

- Any Makeup Games: contact Steve and Eric

- Senior Legion took up the cages at Miller Heights without asking. Eric will talk to them. They also tried to kick a Majors practice (Ken Santay) off Miller Heights Field 2.

- Men's League issues: hitting balls onto Rookie Field (nothing we can do about it). Clinic that they want to do for our players in June - do the Men's League players need background clearances? Potentially YES.

- Challenges in Games: umpires calling large strike zone. Can in-house games change start times? No, there is a $25 charge and the umpires are already set.

- 8U End of Season Tournament: June 15-16, 2 game elimination

- All Star Game: tournament team players CANNOT play in the All Star game

- use **#playfbt** when posting photos on social media

- June 2nd FBT Day

- Call-Up Players: Contact Steve for Call-Up Player information. There is a rolling list of eligible players. If using a call-up player, you need to notify the managers, President of LVCR, and umpires.

- need extra throw down bases for Coach Pitch

- Parents can use the Scoreboard on the Ripken Field and the speaker sound system. All it takes is volunteers, which can sit up in the air conditioned field house.

**Discussion Items:**

- Online store for Spirit wear during season - created and shared out to all FBTAA families

- Signs needed: No Smoking, No Dogs, possible Stop sign at the top of the hill entering the complex.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Update on Perfect Game: still need to approve contract. Snack stand, volunteers on Sign-Up Genius.

- BTCC Community Days: June 19-22. Sign Up Genius. Ed Cassel is running and organizing this event.

**Courtesy of the floor:**

Next Meeting: **Thursday, June 13 at 8:00 pm**

Motion to Adjourn - Jarrett Bill - seconded **Time: 10:26 pm**

**\*CALL TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**